

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [] Canton residents were quite concerned about a counter-attack¹ which, it was rumored, would be launched in March or June. 25X1
2. Dependents of the military forces were being very well treated. On each festival day the government and street committees sponsored gift-giving movements for their benefit.
3. The Ai Ch'un (1947/ 5028) Hotel was always crowded, and guests had to register and then wait three or four days before getting a room. The reason for this was that a hotel guest was exempted from census registration, while a person living in the house of a friend was required to register.²
4. [] the supply of electricity was being suspended more often, even on streets which did not come under a repair project. Electric lights were dim. The water supply lasted only two or three hours a day, and no schedule of this supply was announced. There was still shortage of charcoal and firewood. People desiring to buy any of these items were required first to register in cooperatives and then to make the purchase on the date specified. 25X1
5. Transactions of over 20,000 dollars³ were paid by check. Most big stores did not have much cash on hand, and the Chinese Communist authorities encouraged merchants to use checks.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Comment. The three to four day waiting period may be for purposes of investigation by the Canton authorities. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Canton hotel guests were required to register with the cashier and [REDACTED] while police checks were not regular the police were usually kept informed of guest activities through a police informant posing as a hotel employee. [REDACTED] a new arrival in Canton with a travel permit had no trouble in registering at a hotel; the only procedure required was the registration of his permit.

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Comment. Probably JMP 20,000 is intended.

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